Assistance to states to crash naxal upsurge

1449. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided to the State to quell the upsurge in naxalite violence across the country;

(b) the extent of the problem tackled so far; and

(c) the mesures proposed to check naxal inflicted incidents destroying national properties like Railway etc. in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In order to assist States to undertake more effective action, Government has implemented a scheme for reimbursement of 50% of the Security Related Expenditure incurred by the States in tackling the problem of left wing extremism, covering the period from 1.4.96 to 31.3.2001. So far under this scheme, the following amounts have been released to the State Governments:

Andhra Pradesh	— Rs. 30.46 crores
Madhya Pradesh	— Rs. 5 crores
Maharashtra	— Rs. 1.96 crores
Orissa	— Rs. 3.58 crores

In addition to the above, funds are also being released to the affected States under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. Central Para Military Forces are also made available to the State Governments, as and when necessary.

(b) As a result of various measures taken so far, overall left wing extremist violence indicated a declining trend in some States in 1999 as compared to previous years. However, some violent incidents in the current year in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, indicate the need for continuing efforts to curb the activities of Left Wing Extremist.

(c) Concerned State Governments and Railway authorities have

been sensitised in this regard and advised to take appropriate preventive measures.

Punilfa arms drop case

1450. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punilia arms drop case culprits have been nabbed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many questions still remain unanswered; and

(d) what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to nab a Danish culprit named Kim Davy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation, who were entrusted with the investigation of the Punilia arms drop case, have intimated that of the 14 accused persons, 7 are still absconding. The remaining 7 have already undergone trial and except one of them, the remaining 6 have been given sentences ranging from 2 years Rigorous Imprisonment of Life Imprisonment.

(c) CBI have intimated that matters relating to financial transactions still remain unanswered.

(d) A red corner notice has been got issued by the CBI from Interpol Headquarters against Kim P. Davy. An open-ended WARRANT against him is also pending in Punilia Arms Dropping case. A reward of Rs. one lakh has also been announced by CBI to anyone giving information leading to his arrest. CBI, in close cooperation with IPSG (Interpol Headquarters) is making all out efforts to trace Kim P. Davy.